

system may be integrated into the signal flow pattern to eliminate any image forming errors caused by the optics and projection.

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What is claimed is:

1. A method of defining and at least partially correcting errors of an image reproduction system, comprising the steps of:  
10 determining the parameters of a neuronal net by a learning process utilizing a test image of predetermined quality as a learning pattern;  
feeding data representative of an image to be reproduced to the neuronal net for processing in accordance with the parameters;  
operating an image forming device on the basis of the data processed  
15 by the neuronal net.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the neuronal net is implemented in a computer.
- 20 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the neuronal net is implemented in an application specific circuit.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the neuronal net is trained by data derived from an uncorrected digitized test image provided by the image  
25 forming device and wherein the target data is derived from digitized data of the original image to be reproduced.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the parameters of the neuronal net are values derived from an image forming system the quality of image  
30 formation of which substantially corresponds to the image forming quality

of the image forming system to be corrected.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the neuronal net is a mono-layered one of linear transfer function.

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7. The method of claim 1, wherein the errors relate to color channels and wherein the correction of N color channels requires adding of the outputs of  $N^2$  neuronal nets.

- 10 8. An apparatus for correcting image forming data, comprising:  
a neuronal net implemented on a predetermined circuit and comprising  
parameters established by a learning process on the basis of a test image  
of predetermined quality, the output of the neuronal net being connected  
to the inputs of an image forming device;  
15 a storage for image data to be reproduced and connected to the inputs of  
the neuronal net; and  
an image recording device for generating digital data of an uncorrected  
image of a test image provided by the image forming device and  
connected to the inputs of the neuronal net during the learning process for  
20 defining the parameters.

9. The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the image recording device is  
connected to the inputs of the neuronal net through an image data  
storage.

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10. The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the image forming quality of the image  
recording device is superior to the image reproducing quality of the image  
reproducing device.

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